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Applicant : Masatoshi Masuda
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TUBE-TYPE FLUID
CONTAINER
Examiner : James F Hook
Group Art Unit : 3754

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed February 6, 2006 which states that the replay on November 4, 2005 is not fully responsive.

In response to the species election requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects the following species to which the claims shall be restricted in no generic claim is finally holed to be allowable:

From species a), Fig. 20B on which claims 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, and 13 are readable.

From species b), Fig. 23B on which claims 1, 6, and 7 are readable.

From species c), Fig. 22A on which claims 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 12, and 13 are readable.

From species d), Fig. 21B on which claims 1 and 6 are readable.

Claim 1 is generic. This election is made without traverse.

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No fees are believed due for the present Amendment, however, should any fees be due, please charge them to our deposit account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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